

## **Public Health Alert**

DATE: April 5, 2021

Man Bitten by Unknown Dog on Saturday, April 3, 2021, at Urban Green Apartment Complex. Seeking Owner of Dog.

A man was bitten by an unknown dog Saturday, April 3, 2021, around 8:00 PM. The bite occurred while the victim was in the vestibule of an apartment building at Urban Green Apartment Complex, 3320 Galena Drive. The leashed dog bit him on the leg. The victim did not realize he was bitten until he checked his leg. The biting dog is described as a shaggy haired, floppy eared, white in color dog weighing approximately 15 pounds. The owner of the biting dog is described as a Caucasian male in his 50's with grey/blackish hair and a clean-shaven face.

The Frederick County Health Department is requesting that the owner, or anyone who has information regarding the animal, contact Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) so the victim may avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations. Contact is needed to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. The animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, the victim will not need to receive the series of post-exposure rabies vaccinations, and the animal will be allowed to resume normal activity. The owner or anyone who has information about the animal is asked to contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES for more information.

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